

SENATE BILL 1358

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and
Title 65, relative to broadband services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 59, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

7-59-209. Availability of 100/20 broadband internet service.

(a) As used in this section, "100/20 broadband internet service" means
broadband service that is capable of delivering download speeds of at least one hundred
megabits per second (100 Mbps) and upload speeds of at least twenty megabits per
second (20 Mbps).

(b) On or before July 1, 2023, and on or before July 1 of the two (2) subsequent
years thereafter, each person holding a franchise shall file with the applicable franchising
authority a map or other information indicating the specific locations within the person's
franchised area where the person offered 100/20 broadband internet service as of
January 1 of the current year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 59, Part 3, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

7-59-319. Availability of 100/20 broadband internet service.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "100/20 broadband internet service" means broadband service that is
capable of delivering download speeds of at least one hundred megabits per

second (100 Mbps) and upload speeds of at least twenty megabits per second (20 Mbps); and

(2) "Person" means an individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity.

(b) On or before July 1, 2023, and on or before July 1 of the two (2) subsequent years thereafter, each person holding a state-issued franchise shall file with the department a map or other information indicating the specific locations within each of the person's franchised areas where the person offered 100/20 broadband internet service as of January 1 of the current year.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

65-4-128. Availability of 100/20 broadband internet service.

(a) As used in this section, "100/20 broadband internet service" means broadband service that is capable delivering download speeds of at least one hundred megabits per second (100 Mbps) and upload speeds of at least twenty megabits per second (20 Mbps).

(b) On or before July 1, 2023, and on or before July 1 of the two (2) subsequent years thereafter, each certificated provider electing market regulation shall file with the Tennessee public utility commission a map or other information indicating the specific locations where the provider offered 100/20 broadband internet service as of January 1 of the current year.

SECTION 4. The headings in this act are for reference purposes only and do not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee code commission is requested to include the headings in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.